

Our Parish is preparing to initiate a capital campaign to pay for construction of our new Catholic Education and Activity Center. Now is the time to finish what we started.

On January 29, we completed the sale of our Main Street property, including the Church, the Rectory, the Convent, and the School at a price of \$1,650,000. With this sale, we are positioned to complete our long term plan to consolidate all Parish facilities at the site of the new Church. The Building the Church of the Future Committee was selected by discernment in March of 2015 and has worked diligently through a discovery process to determine both the wants and needs of the Parish for a Catholic Education and Activity Center. With the money realized from the sale of the Main Street property and pledge payments that are scheduled be received in 2016, the remaining debt on our new Church building should be erased by the end of this year.

Our financial commitments have already been significant and the challenge before us is great. But so was the challenge before our Parish ancestors every time they undertook the task of constructing or expanding our Parish School. We will build a new Catholic Education and Activity Center that meets the needs of the Immaculate Conception School, our Parish School of Religion, Pre-School, Little Church, Youth Ministry, and many other activities.

The new Catholic Education and Activity Center will be constructed adjacent to our new Church. The estimated cost for the new facility will be approximately \$10,000,000. Our intention is to have the Immaculate Conception Catholic Education and Activity Center completed no later than 2021.

The campaign committee has selected the firm of Meier Jost and Associates (MJ&A) to direct this endeavor. The firm specializes in campaigns of this kind. The next step in our due diligence process will be interviews of a representative sampling of Parishioners to gain valuable feedback concerning our proposal. On Monday, letters will be received by a number of Parish families asking if they will agree to a precampaign interview. If you do not receive a letter, please do not take offence; interview prospects were selected to represent all demographics of our Parish with care taken to avoid duplicate perspectives. If you do receive an invitation, please prayerfully consider allowing our representatives to gain valued feedback. Over the years, our ancestors have had the faith and commitment to meet the need for Catholic education in Immaculate Conception Parish. Our faith and commitment have not wavered in the 160+ years since that first School was established in 1853. Now is the time to honor the Immaculate Conception legacy of quality Catholic education and finish what we have started